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SUBJ: SOUTH AFRICAN AND RHODESIA PREPARE FOR WAR SAYS MCBRIDE

1. SEAN MCBRIDE IS QUOTED IN DEC 10 DAILY MAIL AS SAYING THAT
SOUTH AFRICA HAS MADE PREPARATIONS TO INVADE ANGOLA NEXT MONTH.
INTERVIEWED IN LUSAKA DEC 9, THE UN HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR NAMIBIA
SAID THAT ABOUT 50,000 SOUTH AFRICAN TROOPS HAVE BEEN MASSED
IN THE CAPRIVI STRIP AND ALONG THE ANGOLAN BORDER FOR THE
INTENDED ASSAULT ON ANGOLA. A FIRST STEP IN PREPARATION FOR THE
ATTACK WOULD BE THE SETTING UP OF A "WUISLING INTERIM GOVERNMENT
IN NAMIBIA TOWARDS THE MIDDLE OF JANUARY." THIS GOVERNMENT
WOULD EXCLUDE SWAPO; THEREFORE SWAPO WILL CONTINUE TO FIGHT THE
"PUPPET REGIME." SWAPO ATTACKS WILL PROVIDE SOUTH AFRICA
WITH A PRETEXT FOR INVADING ANGOLA IN ORDER TO COME TO THE
ASSISTANCE OF THE "INTERIM GOVERNMENT" IN NAMIBIA. MCBRIDE SAID,
"I AM VERY CONCERNED. THE SITUATION IS EXTREMELY SERIOUS.
FROM THE MIDDLE OF JANUARY WE ARE ENTERING A NEW SITUATION
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WHICH MAY INVOLVE THE DESTABLIZATION OF ANGOLA." IF SOUTH

AFRICA PRESISTS WITH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A "WUISLING GOVERNMENT"
IN NAMIBIA, IT WILL CREATE THE SCENARIO THAT EXISTED IN ANGOLO.
MCBRIDE SAID, "IT IS THE KIND OF SITUATION IN WHICH SWAPO CAN
CALL FOR OUTSIDE HELP FROM THE OAU, ANGOLA, AND OTHERS."

2. THE BUILD UP OF BASES IN RHODESIA, SAID MCBRIDE, "CERTAINLY
CONTRADICTS SMITH'S REPORTED INTENTION FOR A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT."
HE SAID THAT ONE OF THE NEW AIR BASES WAS SITUATED IN THE CAPRIVI
STRIP, THE OTHER NEAR THE MOZAMBIQUE BORDER AND THE OTTHER SOMEWHERE
IN NORTHWESTERN RHODESIA.

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